

July 7, 2020

The Honorable Anastasia Williams Chair, House Labor Committee State of Rhode Island House of Representatives State House Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

RE: H 8085

Dear Chairwoman Williams:

Please accept this letter in lieu of testimony of the Beacon Mutual Insurance Company in support of House Bill 8085.

As you know, this bill was recommended for consideration to your committee by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. Beacon is a member of, and actively participates in, the Advisory Council and agrees with this recommendation.

Section 1 of the bill, if enacted, will simplify and streamline the process for employees of uninsured employers to recover from the Uninsured Protection Fund. Section 2 of the bill will encourage prompt and regular communication by health care providers who treat injured workers to the benefit of their patients, their employers and the system as a whole.

Please share this recommendation with your committee and we remain available to you for any questions you or the committee may have.

Very truly yours,

Michael D. Lynch